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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/890,656
Filing Date	August 2, 2001
First Named Inventor	Reinhard SCHAUER ET AL 1 PCT
Art Unit	281 ✓
Examiner Name	T.F. TRAN
Attorney Docket Number	Reinhard SCHAUER ET AL - 1 (PCT)

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. [Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114]**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
  - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
**EXHIBIT A**
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv. ☒ Copy of Petition under Rule 136(a) and Rule 17(a) previously filed

**2. [Miscellaneous]**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. [Fees] The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.**

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-2468.
  - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
  - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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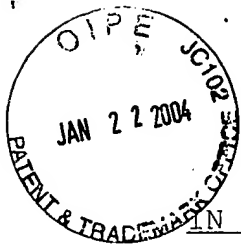
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SERIAL NO.:         09/890,656                                 EXAMINER: T.F. TRAN  
FILED:             AUGUST 2, 2001                             GROUP: 2811  
TITLE:             SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER COMPRISING A THIN EPITAXIAL  
                      SILICON LAYER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

ATTN: MAIL STOP AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action, dated July 25, 2003, with the time for reply having been extended for three months from OCTOBER 25, 2003, until JANUARY 25, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification being on Page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 4 of this document.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this document.

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